

THAT HARTFORD BRIDGE

LENGTHY DEBATE IN THE SENATE
ON THE SUBJECT YESTERDAY.

The Lower Branch of the General Assembly considered the bill concerning the taking of land of the Agricultural Experiment Station and other matters.

Hartford, May 7.—In the senate today the Hartford bridge business came up for consideration. There was a large attendance. After the adjournment of the house most of the members came in to listen to the debate. The three reports on this subject from the judiciary committee were the special order. The report of the majority favored repealing the law of 1893 and placing the expense of building the bridge on Hartford and East Hartford and also required the Berlin Iron Bridge company to establish the validity of its contract for the new bridge in the court, and the state to pay \$20,000 towards the contract.

Senator Coffey denied that there was any hasty legislation in 1893 in passing the original bill. There was on the contrary a great many hearings and full opportunity was given to all who wished to be heard. Who were the disreputable men who voted for the bill? Cleveland of Hartford, Judge Holcomb of Southington. (No one ever questioned that man.) I will skip that man from Granby. There were also Fox of New Haven, Barrows of London, Robinson of the recent railroad commissioner, Dr. Jones, Ferris of Norwalk, Brooker of Torrington. Who can bring anything against these men? and yet they are coming here to-day and saying that they are being robbed. Then there was Phelps of Rockville. I want to dissuade you gentlemen from the belief that these gentlemen did not do their own thinking. In all that session I never saw a mean act done in all the senate of 1893. The vote on the passage of the bill was 13 to 7. Mr. President, this is the most important bill of this session. But the committee has been unable to agree upon a report and have sent in three or four. Will the committee repudiate her honest obligations? I think not. This is a bridge that connects the capital city with all the eastern part of the state. Should the two counties pay for this? No. The state should build this bridge, otherwise the towns should receive the entire tax from the electric roads, which would change the entire tax system of the state. Why does Litchfield county come here with her fighting clothes on? I am told there is an attorney up there who was rather out of business this winter and he was sent down here on a retainer of \$200 to try and saddle this bridge on the towns.

Senator Ferris said that in the last nine years the bridge draw was not opened once and in fifteen years it was opened three times. The Norwalk bridge was opened every hour in the day and was maintained by that town. He opposed making one bridge a state bridge unless all were thus made. If this law was sustained then in three weeks the selectmen of every town in the state would condemn their bridges and petition for new ones to be built by the state. He believed in maintaining bridges between two counties, county wide.

Senator Marigold of Bridgeport said that they had some bridges down in Bridgeport and if the state was going into the bridge business there were plenty of them down there.

Senator Dayton said it was better to maintain the law and carry out the contract the state had made. A deliberate contract was made and it should be maintained. If there was a legal contract there, then the state should stand by it. If the contract is not legal, then not even the \$20,000 named in the report should be paid. If you vote adversely, you will destroy the honest policy of the state.

Senator Warner—I am sorry to say, fellow senators, that the report made by the committee over which I have presided was not made a unanimous report. Some criticisms have been made here over the fact that our report lacked that unanimity. One great question presented to us is whether we will retain on the statute books the law of 1893 or whether we will respect it. Seven of the nine members of the committee unhesitatingly say they are in favor of repealing the law. Of the seven unopposed members of the committee it is their united appeal that the present law should be abolished. The hearings have been many and largely attended and great opportunities have been given to hear all interested. The law and the policy of the state ever since 1784 has been uniform that all the towns should maintain their bridges. There has been no diversion from that policy until the present time. Charters have been given to companies after companies coupled or of the same language. We were told that this grand old river stood alone and that it could be bridged only by the state. The claim was made that the state owned the river. There is nothing in it. The town of Hartford has jurisdiction of the river along its water front. In obedience to the sentiment, for a free bridge the law of 1887 was passed. Was there any belief that the state contemplated building this bridge? There was never the first bit of evidence in that direction.

"Then we have the law of 1893 which was put through so rapidly that the bridge commissioners were selected even before the passage of the act. We have stated that the bill was hurried through and not all who came to be heard before the committee were able to be heard. I say frankly and boldly that it makes no difference whether the law of 1893 received unanimous support or not. If the law is a good one, then maintain it; if it is a bad law, then wipe it out.

"The commissioners themselves, gentlemen, had doubts whether they had the right to build this bridge. If there was any correctness in the principal then these commissioners might enter into contract of \$1,000,000 just as well, he contended, as the state is one of the safe guards over the treasury, and then the orders were offered he refused to honor them. He holds that he will never honor those orders until the ear of the state says he will do so. If this contract is made legal we all say we will honor it if bankruptcy follows. The committee is recommended in its substitute placing the building and the maintenance of the two towns of Hartford and East Hartford. It was a matter of discussion whether the maintenance should fall upon the five towns. I am willing to accept the amendment of the gentleman from the First, transferring the burden from the two towns to the five. The other amendment changes the amount—\$20,000 to \$40,000—which the controller may pay for the bridge, but I prefer that it be put in the hands of the state referee."

Senator Coffey replied to Senator Warner. He said the senator from the Nineteenth had thrown away his own report and accepted the amendment of the gentleman from the First. What has the city of Hartford done? It has given \$1,250,000 for the capitol building and a like amount for the railroads of the state. And Hartford was not asking anything that is not entirely just. The amendment of Senator Hall providing that the five towns shall maintain the bridge was adopted 14 to 9, as follows:

Yeas—Senators Hall, Birge, Webster, Mix, Palmer, Gates, Lounsbury, Marigold, Hunt, Smith, Warner, Averill, Little, Fuller, Noss-Coffey, Dayton, Johnson, Lee, Ferris, Bernd, Chandler, Chapman, Douglass.

The amendment providing that the state referee and controller to settle claims at an outlay of not more than \$40,000 was lost, 10 to 12, as follows:

Yeas—Hall, Birge, Palmer, Lounsbury, Ferris, Marigold, Smith, Warner, Averill, Little, Fuller, Noss-Coffey, Webster, Mix, Dayton, Johnson, Lee, Gates, Bernd, Chandler, Hunt, Chapman, Douglass.

The amendment providing that the contract shall be maintained and carried out by the state was carried 13 to 6, as follows:

Yeas—Senators Hall, Coffey, Birge, Mix, Dayton, Johnson, Lee, Gates, Marigold, Bernd, Chandler, Chapman, Douglass. Noss—Webster, Palmer, Lounsbury, Ferris, Hunt, Smith, Warner, Averill, Little, Fuller.

The bill as amended was then passed, 15 to 8. The vote was as follows: Yeas—Senators Hall, Coffey, Birge, Mix, Dayton, Johnson, Lee, Gates, Lounsbury, Ferris, Marigold, Bernd, Chandler, Chapman, Douglass. Noss—Senators Webster, Palmer, Hunt, Smith, Warner, Averill, Little, Fuller.

The bill as passed provides that the state shall carry out the contract to build the bridge, and the towns of Hartford, East Hartford, Glastonbury, Manchester and South Windsor shall hereafter maintain the structure. When the house gets through with the bill it will be so much amended that they will hardly recognize it in the senate.

Among those noticed in the spectators' seats were ex-Lieutenant Governor Cady, Vice President John M. Hall of the Consolidated road, ex-Governor Bulkeley, Clarence Deming and Colonel N. G. Osborn of New Haven, Allan Pidge of Bridgeport, Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth of New Haven, ex-Secretary of State Charles E. Searles, C. F. Burlingame, ex-Representative Cullins of Lyme, Sheriff Hawley of Fairfield county, John Addison Porter, John R. Buck, Albert H. Walker of Hartford, John S. Hutchinson of Essex, Police Commissioner Doolittle of New Haven, County Commissioner-elect Potter of Hartford county, Judge Hubbard of Wallingford and County Health Officer Hoadley of New Haven county.

Just before adjournment of the senate and on motion of Senator Coffey, who wished to offer some amendments, it was voted to reconsider the action in killing the pool bill, but no date was set for the discussion.

THE HOUSE.

In the house this afternoon the bill rejected in the senate concerning wills was taken up. The bill provides that a person making a will can have it sent for probate in a period of two weeks, and then if there is any objection concerning the condition of the testator, or other objection to probating, the fight may be carried on at once and during the life of the testator. The bill was tabled.

The Naugatuck bill rejected in the senate and passed previously in the house was taken up and explained by Representative Judson. The bill is for the purpose of raising a commission to draw up a charter, but it was explained that the matter could be attended to by the people of Naugatuck without any legislative authority. The house concurred with the senate in the rejection of the bill.

The bill amending the charter of the city of New Britain was passed. Judge Roraback of North Canaan explained the bill authorizing the taking of land of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment station in New Haven. He explained that in straightening up the lands about as much land would accrue to the society as would be given the city. It is provided that if the city cannot agree with Professor Brewer, the agent, concerning assessment of benefits and damages, then this may be arranged the same as in taking of other lands by the city. The bill was passed.

The resolution amending the charter of the Stamford Street Railway company was also passed, incorporating the Litchfield county hospital.

The resolution requesting the controller to inquire and report concerning the town deposit fund was explained by Mr. Tucker of Ansonia and passed in concurrence with the senate.

The bill relating to fishing in the Housatonic river was amended on motion of Colonel Wood of Derby. The bill provides a fine and imprisonment for illegal fishing and the forfeiting of the boat. The bill was passed.

The bill concerning increasing the number of sheriffs in Tolland county was passed in the senate, amended to twelve. Mr. Converse objected to the increase. He said it would only belittle the office of deputy sheriff. The present number, eight, was sufficient. The bill as originally reported was passed.

Colonel Wood wished to call up the bill amending the charter of the Consolidated road relating to abolishing the charters of the Union Wharf and Northam Bridge companies, but Mr. Warner of Putnam, requesting that the matter go over for the present, it was so voted.

A report was made on the application of Charles Lewis Benedict, a survivor of the Seminole war, to be admitted to the Soldiers' home at Noroton. The report was unfavorable and the bill was rejected.

Mr. Newton of New Haven explained that there was objection to sending any veterans to the home save survivors of the War of the Rebellion.

The bill concerning division fences and providing a penalty for neglecting to maintain such fences was explained by Representative Judson of Stratford. The bill was introduced by Mr. Main of North Stratford.

Mr. Newton said that when a fence

was built by one party and charged to the party who refused to build, it was likely to be a pretty expensive fence. Mr. Middleton of Enfield said it was too much to ask a party to pay double the expense of a fence. He would prefer that a fine be imposed for neglect, and that only the actual expense be charged.

An amendment was offered to exclude land thrown out to the commons and woodland. The bill provides that upon petition the selectmen can be called out to look at the premises and see if the fence is actually required.

Mr. Newton said the bill applied entirely to the building of new fences. The house voted to indefinitely postpone the whole matter.

Mr. Gunn of Milford presented a resolution referring to the death of C. H. Barton, a messenger of the house from Enfield. The resolution expresses sorrow upon the death of Mr. Barton. It was adopted by a ringing vote.

Representative Williams of Glastonbury presided during most of the session.

Adjourned until Wednesday at 11:30 a. m.

NEW COUNTY JAIL.

Hartford, May 7.—After the adjournment of the house to-morrow the New Haven county representatives will hold a meeting to act on the report of the committee on the new county jail. It is believed that definite steps will be taken at the session looking toward the prompt erection of a new building.

The only hearing booked before the judiciary committee is the one at 2 p. m. of to-morrow, given the heirs of the estate of Joseph Cassidy of Meriden on the appeal from probate of his will.

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-NINE YEARS.

Daughters of the Revolution Observe the Birthday of New London.

New London, May 7.—Lucetta Shaw chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met at Mrs. Eggleston's yesterday afternoon at 3:30 and celebrated the city's birthday in an informal manner. The enjoyment of the members was greatly heightened by the presence of Mrs. G. F. Newcomb of the Mary Wooster Clapp chapter of New Haven. Mrs. Newcomb was present at the exercises held at the Crocker house last year in commemoration of May 6, 1646.

Many of the members had "flung the bunting to the breeze" and it was hoped that the city flag might have been seen flying. Next year will furnish a fine opportunity for the desired display.

WILL NOT REMOVE DR. WHITE.

Mr. Doolittle Says He Could Do Nothing About the Matter Anyway.

State Attorney Doolittle returned to the city from his trip Monday evening. He denied yesterday he had intended to take any steps to cause the removal of Dr. White from the office of medical examiner. He said that if such an action should take place it was something with which he would have nothing to do. He also declined to give the names of the jurors whom he believes have been tampered with.

Dr. Lee is still in jail, the requisite bonds not having been yet secured.

STOCKEL-TERRY.

Couple Well Known in Connecticut Wedded on Isle of Wight.

Norfolk, May 7.—A cablegram received here to-day announced the marriage of Carl Stockel and Mrs. Ellen Battell Terry, daughter of the late Hon. Robbins Battell of Norfolk.

The ceremony was performed at Whitewell on the Isle of Wight, famous as the summer resort of Queen Victoria.

When their engagement was announced several months ago it was received with great astonishment throughout the state. The bride is much older than her husband, who is a son of Professor Augustus Y. Stockel of Yale university.

E. A. Parsons' Third Recital.

Mr. Parsons' third and last piano recital will take place at Steinhart hall this evening. Miss Gaffney will sing and the program will consist solely of Mr. Parsons' original compositions, including a concerto and a new song written for Miss Gaffney. Mr. Parks will play a "cello obligato" and Mr. Allen will play the accompaniments. Tickets at Judd's and music stores.

PROGRAM.

Concerto Chevaleresque.
Hercules.
Elevation d'Amour.
Le Tournement.
Mr. Parsons.
Moment Poétique.
Spanish Cradle Song.
Marche Punique.
Mexican Dance.
Mr. Parsons.
"A Prince of Peace" (cello obligato by Mr. Parks).
Miss Gaffney.
Mazurka Arabesque.
Bacchante.
Gavotte Sicilienne.
Legend of the Fountain.
Mr. Parsons.
"The Conqueror."
Miss Gaffney.
Swanee River.
Mr. Parsons.

FIREMEN MEET HERE.

The Executive Committee of the State Firemen's Association.

Waterbury, May 7.—The executive committee of the State Firemen's association met in this city to-day in Chief Snagg's office. The members present were: President William C. Smith, superintendent of the alarm, New Haven; Secretary John S. Jones, chief of Westport department; Treasurer S. C. Snagg of Waterbury; Chief Greenburg of Norwich; Chief Wallace of Ansonia; Chief Wagner of Rockville; Fireman Maurice Myers of Danbury; Baker of South Norwalk; Magnan of Hartford and Flynn of Willimantic.

The business was of a routine nature, and arrangements were made for the convention to be held in South Norwalk in September.

Buried Under Tons of Stone.

Unlontown, Pa., May 7.—This afternoon at the Bluestone quarry, near Dunbar, Michael Joy and three Italians were drilling a hole for blasting in a ledge of rock. Suddenly the ledge gave way, precipitating the workmen over a precipice, where they were buried under tons of stone and earth. Joy was killed and the Italians were fatally injured.

FAIR HAVEN.

The Ladies' auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will give an entertainment at the rooms of the association this (Wednesday) evening. The program will include music by Professor Peterson, readings by Miss May Corbett (pupil of Mary Dudley Burk), a farce, "Deacon Scrubber's Second Wife," a drill by the young ladies' class in physical culture, and the "Good Night Drill," by eight little girls. Ice cream and cake will be served after the entertainment. Admission, including refreshments, twenty-five cents.

At the shops of the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad company seven of the open cars are being electrically equipped. Seven cars have also been sold to the Winchester avenue road.

The big dredge of the Hartford Dredging company has completed the contract of deepening in front of the dock of W. A. Warner & Brother and is now at work for the New Haven Gas Light company. There is now a depth of thirteen feet at high water in front of the Warner dock for a distance of 300 feet. The dredge is a very powerful machine and is operated by four engines, and cost about \$50,000. The company receives \$150 per day for its work.

Deputy Sheriff Frank M. Sperry has been appointed by the East Haven selectmen a town constable, to take the place of George G. Hart, who has removed from town.

J. C. Eastman, who formerly conducted the bakery at No. 3 Grand avenue, will soon reopen his store at Morris Cove.

F. W. Prescott, the jeweler, has on exhibition in his store a pair of spectacles which have been in the family of the late William Young of the annex for 300 years. The glasses are one and a half inches in diameter and enclosed in heavy iron frames. Mr. Prescott says he has no idea how old the glasses are, but does not doubt they date back to the year 1500. It is doubtful if there are any older spectacles in this country.

E. F. Culver of Quinnipiac street, who shipped several hundred barrels of apples to England last summer, says the entire output from this country was 2,500,000 barrels.

The Fair Haven and Westville Railroad company is equipped with telephones placed on the poles at stated distances. There are four on the Grand avenue line. There is a key to the telephone boxes hanging in each car and when there is any trouble with the cars, the power or the track, the conductors can telephone to the power house, car house or office for assistance.

The work of repairing the Grand avenue bridge is well advanced. This rebuilding is being done by the town, the city and the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad company. Master Mechanic Easter has charge of the railroad gang. It is believed the electric cars will be running over the bridge during the present week.

William Mersack of the annex has nearly recovered from the effects of a dislocated arm, sustained by falling from a bicycle.

Cash Carrier System Rights.

The suit of the Consolidated Store Service of Boston against H. E. Wright of Hartford was concluded last night and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff. The suit was brought to restrain Wright from using certain patent rights on cash carrier systems in use in most of the big stores in eastern states. The court decided that the Boston concern had sole rights to the patents in question and in future the defendant will be prohibited from using them.

FIRST CONNECTICUT ARTILLERY.

Annual Reunion in This City on June 12.—Committee Appointed.

Hartford, May 7.—There were twenty-five present last night at the meeting to make preliminary arrangements for the reunion of the veterans of the First Connecticut Artillery, which will be held in this city on June 12. Mayor Brainard was chosen chairman of the meeting and Judge Henry E. Taintor secretary. The Fourth Connecticut Infantry was made into the First Connecticut Artillery the fall of the year. It was sent out, Company A of the Hartford City Guard was in the regiment and Robert O. Tyler of Hartford was made colonel. Quite a number of members of the Veterans City Guard were present at last night's meeting.

A veteran committee was appointed, to consist of the veterans who live in this city and the immediate vicinity. George F. Bill was elected chairman of the committee. A citizens' reception committee was appointed, the members having power to add to it. The men appointed last night were as follows: Leverett Brainard, chairman; Morgan G. Bulkeley, Jacob L. Greene, H. C. Robinson, J. B. Bunce, S. M. Gladwin, Rodney Dennis, John G. Root, Judson H. Root, R. C. Cheney, E. Henry Hyde, W. H. Lockwood, J. G. Rathbun, C. H. Prentice, W. W. Jacobs, Henry P. Hitchcock, John Gemmill, John B. Clapp, H. N. Hinckley, Ellison H. Young, George Q. Whitney, Frank W. Cheney, A. A. Pope, George Pope, George B. Newton, Charles W. Newton, George W. Ripley, W. W. Hyde, Louis R. Cheney, W. H. Watrous, John K. Williams, William H. Bulkeley, the Rev. George R. Warner, James G. Bator, W. O. Burr, John H. Hall, Ernest Cady, Charles Hopkins Clow, Alfred E. Burr, John Addison Foster, the Rev. J. H. Twichell, C. C. Strong, W. B. Franklin, J. M. Allen, W. B. Clark, E. V. Preston, M. H. Whaples, James M. Thomson, A. L. Goodrich, W. B. Barrett, Henry F. Hart and Charles A. Jewell.

The committees were given power to appoint sub-committees. Edmund D. Riley was appointed a committee to see the members of the Women's Relief corps about co-operating with the committee. There was some discussion about how the collection should be furnished and it was decided to leave the matter to the citizens' committee.

SILL No Election.

Dover, Del., May 7.—The one ballot taken to-day for United States senator resulted: Higgins 6, Addicks 6, Massey 6, Pennewill 1, Ridgely 9, Tunell 1.

A tea will be given at the new St. Anthony hall from 4 to 6 o'clock on May 14. The patronesses will be Mrs. Grace King Ingersoll, Mrs. James McCrae, Mrs. Henry E. English, Mrs. Francis G. Beach, Mrs. S. Y. Henderson and Mrs. George B. Farnam.

Wife Murderer Hanged.

Lebanon, Pa., May 7.—Charles Garrett was hanged in the county jail this morning for the murder of his wife. The drop fell at 11:11 o'clock.

COSTLY WORK AT SOUTH NORWALK.

Consolidated Road Will Expend \$2,000,000 in Removing Grade Crossings.

The extensive work of eliminating the grade crossings of the Consolidated road in South Norwalk, which are among the most dangerous in the state, is in progress and will cost over \$2,000,000.

At present the part of the city near the tracks is in disorder. A glimpse from the windows of a passing train reveals fragments of embankments, huge masses of unfinished masonry, a long trailing forest of uneven piles driven into the ground, crooked lines of railway, and everything with a chaotic look. But in fact the work is progressing with wonderful rapidity and system. When it is considered that right through all this upheaval a hundred trains run daily, it seems almost incomprehensible how such work can be conducted to advantage.

The old station is in a valley; that is, the road from both ways runs down hill towards the depot. The improvements begin about half a mile east of the river and run apparently up hill until the grade is fifteen feet above that of the old grade, then passing along for almost a mile to the westward. In order to carry on the work without interrupting the running of trains, temporary tracks have been laid in the street east of the old depot. South of the present drawbridge, over which trains are to be run until the new iron bridge supplants the old one. The two new depots are about completed, one for down trains and one for up. The old station is to be torn down and over its site are to be the four tracks. The new depots are similar in design to those at Port Chester and Mount Vernon—built of fire brick with floors of tile and mosaic. They are lighted by electricity and connected by an underground tunnel, after the fashion of the best London stations. The tunnel will be equipped like an arcade, with booths for flowers, soda, ice cream and trifles. The approaches to the depots are inclined driveways, bounded by heavy masonry and top dressed with macadam. Overhead on Washington street will be a four track iron bridge of 150 feet span. The cost of this will approximate \$60,000. At Meriden street the bridge is of 60 feet span, which will have six tracks, besides an elaborate stone stairway. This will cost about \$60,000.

Both sides of the long fill are massive retaining walls. From the river running westward for nearly a mile, with the exception of where the two bridges are, is or will be a filling of nearly one million cubic yards of gravel. Five work trains of twenty-five cars each are engaged in hauling this gravel.

Lower street is to run over the tracks of the main line and Spring street under. This does away with all the grade crossings. Two of the six tracks that cross the Monroe street bridge are for the Wilson Point branch, and running off in a southerly direction is a mile of trestle work which will be filled in to complete it. In addition to the actual cost of this piece of engineering work has to be added the temporary trestle work and drawbridge over the river, which ultimately has to be all taken away.

Annual Banquet of St. Patrick's.

The annual banquet of St. Patrick's Y. M. T. A. B. society will be held at the society hall May 15. Most extensive preparations have been made to have this banquet exceed all previous ones. The club hall will be very beautifully decorated, as the appropriation has been very liberal. The gymnasium floor is to be covered with crash, and dancing will follow the banquet.

The committee which has so ably arranged for the matter is composed of the following: P. Collins, chairman, John F. Barrett, secretary, P. White, William Flynn, Charles McGowan, Charles Brush, J. J. Corbett, W. McGivney and Richard Kenyon.

CONFERENCE ENDED.

Bishop Hood's Appointments of Clergymen—Entertained at Tea.

Hartford, May 7.—The New England conference of the A. M. E. Zion church closed its session in this city last evening, the delegates being entertained by the Daughters of Dyson, who provided a tea and lunch at Jewell hall, after which Bishop Hood read the list of appointments, and the business of the conference was finished. The committee of Daughters of Dyson was made up of Mrs. James Gordon, Mrs. Charles Percy, Mrs. Whitfield Layton, Mrs. Clarence Daniel, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Mrs. F. Jackson, Mrs. V. Davis, Mrs. E. Boston, Mrs. H. Wesley, Mrs. M. E. Fuller, Mrs. D. F. Paul, Mrs. R. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Conneroy, Augustus Smith.

The appointments of clergymen for the ensuing year are as follows: Boston, to be supplied; Cambridge, Mass., W. B. Fenderson; Worcester, to be supplied; New Bedford, W. J. Smith; Attleboro, J. H. Young; Providence, J. B. Colbert, Second church, C. D. Hazel; Norwich, M. P. Hopkins; Willimantic, C. C. Ringgold; Hartford, L. H. Taylor; Middletown, A. Day; Meriden, S. W. Hutchins; New Haven, S. E. Dixon; Highwood, H. L. Singleton; Danbury, to be supplied; Great Barrington, C. C. Hatfield; Bridgeport, J. P. Waters; Waterbury, G. H. S. Bell; Portland, Me., S. E. Robinson; Westfield, Mass., W. L. Moore; Windsor, Hazardville and Enfield, Seth Wainwright. During the afternoon session delegates to the general conference to be held next year were elected as follows: S. C. Birchmore of Providence, W. B. Fenderson of Derby, S. F. Dixon of New Haven, J. B. Colbert of Providence, W. B. Fenderson of Cambridge; alternates, J. H. S. Bell, L. H. Taylor, Fairfax, C. D. Hazel, J. P. Waters.

The ordinations occurred in the afternoon and were: Deacons, W. L. Moore, S. D. Wainwright, W. H. Howard; elders, W. J. Smith, Chauncey Hatfield, James Henry Young, W. P. Hopkins.

Bishop Hood in speaking of the conference last evening said that it had been unusually harmonious, not an unpleasant word having been spoken during its session. The bishop goes to Newburg, N. Y., to-day to preside at another conference this week.

IS IT THE END?

A Time of Great Mortality.

Especially Noticeable in Children.—Will Man Cease to Exist?—Can the "Omega" be Averted?

Why is it, with our improved sanitary appliances, our care to obtain fresh air, pure food, and plenty of exercise, the observance, in fact, of every hygienic law, that in spite of every care each succeeding generation seems to become weaker and shorter lived? Is it that we are now suffering for indiscretions of our ancestors, or is that terrible, unknown end of man at hand?

Whatever the cause, the existing condition of things is too apparent. Especially is this noticeable with the babies. Instead of the mother's life-giving milk, they are compelled to begin a struggle for existence with the bottle. The result in many cases is disastrous. The little one, failing to obtain necessary nourishment, grows weaker daily, until the end of the struggle. The end in these cases is simply starvation.

With this termination so often the case, the best physicians of the day have resorted to the use of Bovine, that great and original raw food product, as a means to save the babies.

In this connection Dr. A. B. Robinson, 61 Dudley St., Boston, after commending Bovine most highly for various complications where the waste of disease must be checked, and new blood, flesh, and strength created to effect a cure, says concerning this life-creating preparation, "With feeble, bottle-fed babies, a small amount added to the milk has in my practice saved many children."

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NORTH CHURCH BI-CENTENNIAL.

The South Church to Join in the Celebration June 12.

The celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the North Congregational church of Bridgeport on June 12 will be participated in by descendants of the nine founders, who were Richard Hubbell, Isaac Wheeler, James Bennett, Samuel Bardsley, Samuel Gregory, Matthew Sherman, David Sherman and John O'Dell.

A committee of the South church, which was organized sixty-five years ago as an offshoot from the North church, has appointed a committee to join with the parent society in the celebration. Rev. Charles Ray Palmer, pastor of the North church, is chairman of the committee of arrangements. The celebration will extend over two days.

New Masonic Home.

A more beautiful location could not have been chosen by the committee of Masons appointed to select a site for a Masonic Home, than the old Community property which is now undergoing repairs. It is one of the most slightly places in the borough and commands a most magnificent view of Wallingford. The old Mason could not ask for a pleasanter spot in which to spend the declining years of his life. Representatives from about seventy lodges and several councils of the O. E. S. were present Saturday to make their choice of rooms in the home. There are twenty-eight bedrooms which were assigned according to application to the several lodges to furnish. The first choice fell to the local lodge, Compass, and they selected the southeast corner room in the main building. There are also two bathrooms and an infirmary, making thirty-two rooms in all. Fifty dollars is the fixed sum for furnishing the rooms. The Order of the Eastern Star will furnish the large assembly room on the first floor and Hiram lodge of New Haven will furnish the reception room on the north side, at an expense of about \$600. The house will probably be dedicated the latter part of June on St. John's day which is the most prominent Masonic day in the year. The